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# UNITED STATES GOLD COINS.

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# CATALOGUE

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The SCOTT STAMP & COIN COMPANY, Limited.

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# CATALOGUE.

## EAGLES.

13.75 1 1795 Bust of Liberty r. 15 stars (5 facing). *Rev.* Eagle (known as small Eagle) on olive branch, wings spread, head r. holds wreath in beak. Very good.

17.50 2 1796 16 stars (8 facing). Very good.

11.00 3 1797 16 stars (6 facing). *Rev.* Heraldic, or large eagle. E Pluribus Unum on label. Very good.

4 1798 (over 97). 13 stars (4 facing). Fine, very rare.

5 1799 13 stars (5 facing). Very good.

6 1800 Fine.

7 1801 Very fine.

No eagle coined in 1802.

8 1803 Very good.

9 1804 Uncirculated, rare in such condition. A most desirable specimen.

No eagles coined from 1804 to 1838.

10 1838 New coinage, first head to left. Good, scarce.

## Half Eagles.

11 1795 Bust of Liberty r., 15 stars (5 facing). *Rev.* Eagle on olive branch, wings spread, head r., holds wreath in beak. Rare. Two nicks on reverse, otherwise very fine.

12 1795 *Obv.* as last. *Rev.* Heraldic or large eagle. Very rare, fine.

13 1796 (over '95) *Rev.* Small eagle. Rare, very fine.

14 1797 15 stars (5 facing). *Rev.* Small eagle. Very rare, fine.

15 —— 16 stars (5 facing). *Rev.* As last. Very rare, fine.

16 1797 (over '95). *Rev.* Large eagle. Not in the U. S. Mint collection; extremely rare, fine.

The three preceding pieces have rarely appeared together in a sale.

17 1798 13 stars (5 facing). *Rev.* Small eagle. Cut on edge of reverse, otherwise good. A very rare coin, not in the U. S. Mint collection, one of the 4 known.

18 1798 *Obv.* Similar to last. *Rev.* Large eagle, fine.

19 1799 Very fine.

20 1800 Fine.

No half eagle coined in 1801.

21 1802 (over '01). Very fine.

22 1803 (over '02). Very fine.

23 1804 Very fine.

24 1805 Fine.

25 1806 5 stars facing. Very good.

26 1807 Very fine.

27 1807 Bust l., cap inscribed Liberty, 13 stars (7 facing). *Rev.* Eagle, E Pluribus Unum above, no stars, 5 D. in *ex.* Very fine, scarce.

28 1808 Fine.

29 1809 Fine.

30 1810 Fine.

31 1811 Fine.

32 1812 Fine.

33 1813 New type. Head l., 13 stars equally spaced. Very fine.

# Gold Dollars.

1849 Uncirculated.

1850 Uncirculated.

1851 Uncirculated.

1852 Uncirculated.

1853 Uncirculated.

1854 Uncirculated.

1854 Second coinage. Uncirculated.

1855 Uncirculated.

1856 S(an Francisco) Mint. Fine, rare.

1856 Third coinage. Largest head. Uncirculated.

1857 Uncirculated.

1858 Proof.

1859 Proof.

1860 Proof.

1861 Proof.

1862 Proof.

1863 Proof. The rarest gold dollar.

1864 Proof, very rare.

1865 Proof, also very rare, and in this respect both 1864 and 1865 are not far behind their predecessor.

1866 Proof, rare.

1867 Proof, rare.

1868 Proof, scarce.

1869 Proof, scarce.

94 1870 Uncirculated.

95 1871 Proof.

96 1872 Uncirculated, scarce.

97 1873 Proof.

98 1874 Proof.

99 1875 Proof, very rare.

100 1876 Proof, and as such very rare. The same applies to other examples in the set.

101 1877 Proof, scarce.

102 1878 Proof.

103 1879 Proof, scarce.

104 1880 Proof.

105 1881 Proof.

106 1882 Proof.

107 1883 Proof.

108 1884 Proof.

109 1885 Proof.

110 1886 Proof.

111 1887 Proof.

This superb set of 41 pieces, is complete to 1887. For the condition of its pieces it is doubtful if it has ever been duplicated at any public sale, or that it can be to-day in any collection. It will be sold as a set if there be a first bid of $150.00, otherwise it will be sold by the piece, as numerically listed.

34 1814 Fine, scarce.

35 1818 Good.

36 1819 Uncirculated, very seldom met with in this condition, very rare.

37 1820 Very fine, showing but the faintest traces of circulation, as is the case with all we have described as very fine, in fact it is doubtful in most instances if any better specimens exist.

38 1823 Slight dent above head, otherwise fine, rare.

39 1824 Very fine, and very rare.

40 1826 W. and 8 lightly scratched on reverse, otherwise very fine. Scarce.

41 1828 Very fine, and even rarer than 1824.

42 1829 Uncirculated, brilliant, not in U. S. mint collection. Very rare.

43 —— New type. Date, stars and legends smaller. The third in order of rarity in the Half Eagles following 1822 and 1815. One of the four known. Uncirculated.

44 1831 Fine, not in the Heman Ely collection. Very rare.

45 1833 Two small dents on reverse, otherwise very fine, rare.

46 1834 Fine, rare.

47 —— Second coinage (without E Pluribus Unum on reverse.) Good.

## QUARTER EAGLES.

48 1796 Bust of Liberty r., no stars. Fine, rare.

49 —— Similar, with 16 stars (8 facing), head a little rubbed, otherwise fine, one of the rarest Quarter Eagles.

50 1797 13 stars (6 facing). Obverse die cracked. Very good, very rare.

51 1798 13 stars (7 facing). Very fine, very rare.

52 1802 Very fine.

53 1804 Fine.

54 1805 Very good, scarce.

55 1806 (over 04). 13 stars (5 facing). Fine and very rare; not in U. S. mint collection.

56 —— 13 stars (6 facing). Also very rare, good.

57 1807 Fine.

58 1808 New type, head l. Good, scarce.

59 1821 Fine, rare.

60 1824 Fine, scarce.

61 1825 Very fine, scarce.

62 1826 Very fine, extremely fine; rare. Cat. $75 00.

63 1827 Very fine, scarce.

64 1829 Uncirculated, scarce.

65 1830 Uncirculated, scarce.

66 1831 Very fine, scarce.

67 1832 Very fine, scarce.

68 1833 Fine.

69 1834 Very good, rare.

70 1834 Second coinage, very good.

The foregoing set of Quarter Eagles is complete to 1834 inclusive, and we believe, even as to varieties.

# Gold Patterns.

## ALL PROOFS.

112 1878 10 Dollars. Head l. with cap ornamented with two heads of wheat, inscribed Liberty (incused), above IN GOD WE TRUST. 13 stars (7 facing), date in *Ex.* *Rev.* Eagle with upraised wings, head turned to l. ★ UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ★ — TEN DOLLARS above eagle E PLURIBUS UNUM. *By Barber.* Davis (In Coin Collector's Journal) 428.

113 1878 5 Dollars. Same design as preceding, except motto above eagle is in two lines, instead of one. *By Barber.* Davis 427.

114 1878 10 Dollars. Similar without the heads of wheat, E Pluribus Unum. *Rev.* Similar to preceding, with In God We Trust, above eagle. *By Morgan.* Davis 429.

115 1878 5 Dollars. Same as last. *By Morgan.* Davis 421.

These patterns, described by Dr. Davis, were known to him in copper only. It is stated upon high authority, that but two sets were struck in gold, one for the Secretary of the Treasury and the other for the Director of the Mint, and a lapse of ten years has revealed no others.

These two sets (face value $30.00) will be sold as one lot, if the starting bid is $75.00, otherwise they will be disposed of in sets, or by piece as catalogued, whichever the occasion demands.

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